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SUBJ: VISIT TO USSR BY AMERICAN CAN OFFICIAL

1. WILLIAM S. WOODSIDE, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, AMERICAN CAN (IN CHARGE OF PACKAGING DIVISION REPRESENTING BULK OF BUSINESS OF COMPANY) ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. MARGARET STAMLER WILL BE VISITING MOSCOW AUGUST 6 TO 10 AND LENINGRAD FROM AUGUST 11 TO 16.

2. PURPOSES OF VISIT ARE:

A. TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING PROPOSED FIVE YEAR DOLS 50 MILLION TRADE AGREEMENT AMERICAN CAN SIGNED (PRINCIPALLY V. P. KOPYLOV, DEPUTY MINISTER OF ENGINEERING FOR THE LIGHT AND FOOD INDUSTRY AND DOMESTIC APPLIANCES);

B. TO OBSERVE OVERALL BUSINESS SCENE;

C. APPRAISE LONG TERM VALUE TO AMERICAN CAN OF CONTINUED BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH C. ITOH IN USSR (WHERE C. ITOH PRESENTLY ACTING FOR FIRM).

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3. C. ITOH IS ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS IN MOSCOW. AMERICAN

CAN HAS INQUIRED WHETHER CHARGE COULD ARRANGE A "SOCIAL OCCASION" EVENING OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, INCLUDING AS MANY

OF FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AS MAY BE CONVENIENT:

V. P. KOPYLOV

DZHERMAN GVISHIANI, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, STATE COMMITTEE
FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IVAN FEDOROVICH SEMICHASTNOV, FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER
OF FOREIGN TRADE

VOL'DEMAR PETROVICH LEIN, MINISTER OF FOOD INDUSTRY

ALEKSANDR AKIMOVICH ISHKOV, MINISTER OF FISHERIES

VLADIMIR NIKOLAYEVICH SUSHKOV, CHIEF, MAIN ADMINI-
STRATION FOR IMPORT OF MACHINERY FROM CAPITALIST
COUNTRIES, MFT

JAMES MORRIS, AMERICAN CAN VICE PRESIDENT FOR INTERNATIONAL
OPERATIONS TOLD DEPTOFF AMERICAN CAN PREPARED TO DEFRAY
EXPENSE OF RECEPTION.

4. PURPOSE OF TRIP TO LENINGRAD IS TOURISM.

5. WOODSIDE WILL SEEK TO CALL MELENCAMP FOLLOWING ARRIVAL.

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